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pplication of Robert A. Holton et al.

Art Unit 1625

Serial No. 09/978,436

Filed October 16, 2001

Confirmation No. 5339

For RADIOSENSITIZING TAXANES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL

PREPARATIONS

Examiner Ba K. Trinh

May 1, 2003

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action dated November 1, 2002, the time for response to which is extended to May 1, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 4-17 as anticipated by structure II in figure 1 of Tao et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,780,653). Attached is a Section 131 affidavit and experimental evidence showing that Holton et al. completed and reduced to practice the subject matter of this application in the United States before June 7, 1995, the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,780,653. Accordingly, U.S. Patent No. 5,780,653 is removed as a reference for this application and a rejection under § 102(e) of claims 4-17 cannot be properly maintained.

Regardless of dates of invention, claim 9 is patentable over Tao et al. Nothing in Tao et al. discloses or teaches the metal complex required by claim 9. Thus, claim 9 is not anticipated by Tao et al.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests early allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants request a three (3) month extension of time to and including May 1, 2003 for filing a response to the above-mentioned Office action. A check for \$930 in payment of the applicable extension fee is enclosed.

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It is believed no fees are required for the submission of the attached Declaration, however, the Commissioner is requested to charge any fee deficiency or overpayment in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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	[]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
	[]	Applicant claims small entity status.
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